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Dear Sirs

This is not really about your Charter – more about your programming so I hope you will pass my comments to the relevant producers.

I am retired and like early morning news programmes. Four or five times every morning when the breakfast programme goes over to local news, we are told by the newsreader – ‘I am Marium Mizambazar’ or ‘I am Jenny Kirk’. After several years I find this infuriating. Please could you not just use a caption with the newsreader’s name as you do in the West Country?

My next gripe is with the weather readers who go on and on and on and become so boring. You should watch Sky or ITV Weather to see how it is done - short and sweet!

Finally I must complain about the truly awful programme interludes with men doing somersaults on the roof, trapeze artists, women tango dancers waving their knickers at you and female dancers in black and red costumes who dance as though they have ants in their pants – and this is just to mention a few. Why does the BBC have to indulge in these awful interludes, no other channel does? By contrast, BBC2 interludes are well worth watching.

I await your comments.

Yours faithfully

